

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:702
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BAN ON IMPORT OF INDIAN SEAFOOD
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether several countries including France have banned the import of Indian sea products;
- (b) if so, the names of such countries alongwith the reasons for imposing such ban;
- (c) whether India has requested France to lift this ban during the recent visit of the French Prime Minister to India;
- (d) if so, the response of French Government thereto; and
- (e) the other steps taken by the Union Government to get this ban lifted by the other countries?

Answer

MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY)

(a) & (b) : Saudi Arabia had imposed a ban on import of Indian marine products during the year 1984 consequent upon the reported instances of Cholera and the said ban still continues. No other major importing country, including France, has imposed ban on import of Indian sea products.

(c) to (d): Does not arise.

(e) : The subject of lifting of ban on Indian marine products by Saudi Arabia is being discussed with that country at various fora.